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Reservations a "Must" for Feb. 10 Dinner Dance

If you haven't already made reservations to attend the Alumni Association's dinner dance on February 10, it's not too late. Just call the Alumni Office (873-2620) and we'll hold the tickets (\$9 per person) for you to pick up at the door. This year, the event will take place at Grammer's German Village Restaurant in Dayton's Oregon Historical District. It is imperative, though, that you call in your reservations as soon as possible so that the restaurant can plan for the correct number.

The schedule of events for the evening was detailed in the last issue of Alumnews. But a few factors have been added since then. Number One on the list of new news has to do with the band. Three's Company is the name of the group. "They can do a little bit of everything," says Pat Moran, "from disco through ballroom."

"We've also decided upon the menu. There will be a cross between German and American foods, from entree to dessert. And we've also arranged to have the bar open on a cash basis after dinner."



(Three's Company, a trio of area musicians, will provide the sounds for the third annual dinner dance.)

Kings and Clowns at WSU

Two classic plays are now being staged by WSU's Theatre Department. Oedipus the King by Sophocles and the Comedy of Harlequin, script by WSU senior Byron Hays, are being performed on a double bill Feb. 3-5 and 9-12. Show times are 8 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday; 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are priced at \$3 each for adults. For further information call 873-2500.



Wine Tasting Draws Crowd

Nearly eighty Wright State alums gathered to wet their proverbial whistles on January 21 at an Association-sponsored wine tasting party. The event took place in the University Center after the evening's basketball game, in which the Raiders defeated the University of Akron (69-61).

Vern Shoemaker, a Wright State grad who is Sales Manager for Allied Wine, saw to it that a large selection of liquid was available, including soft drinks for the teetotalers in the crowd. But it was the wine that won the attention of most attendees. Explains Pat Moran: "A party such as this gives people the chance to sample a lot of wines and to decide which they prefer. It's better than spending five dollars on a bottle of wine, only to find out that you don't like it."

It was a happy evening, filled with talk and toasts. And earlier in the night, alums toasted Raider forward Bob Schaefer, who scored his 1000th point that evening. Schaefer was presented the game ball on a trophy stand by James Mack, Vice-President of the Association.

Family Ski Trip Planned

So maybe you don't know the difference between a "snow bunny" and a "hot dogger." You are, nevertheless, invited to join a busload of WSU alums who will be heading for Stratton Mountain in Vermont for a mid-March week of skiing.

"This will be a family ski trip," says Pat Moran. "We've cut every possible corner to make the trip affordable to as many people as possible. And we've chosen Stratton Mountain, for one reason, because it offers complete child-care services as well as skiing lessons for children."

Reservations are now being accepted for the trip, which has something to offer everyone--from veterans of the slopes to those who don't even know how to stand up on skis.

Approximate prices are as follows: \$165 per person (single room occupancy); \$125 per person (double room); \$115 per person (triple room). Prices include round-trip transportation, lodging, and all lift tickets. Prices do not include the cost of meals and child-care services.

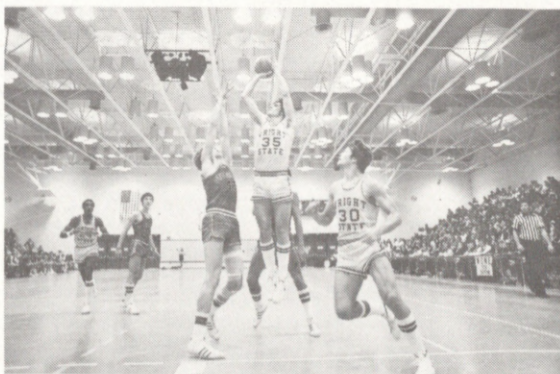
"The trip is planned for the week of March 18-24," says Pat. "We'll have a chartered bus leaving WSU on the 18th, and we'll return on the 24th. The bus, though, will only seat about 35 people comfortably. So anyone who is thinking about coming along should call us as soon as possible. The trip is during Wright State's spring break, and we'll be back in time for Easter."

So whether you're a snow bunny (a neophyte skier, usually female) or a hot dogger (the acrobatic show-off of the slopes) make your reservations now. Just call 873-2620 for further information.

Candy Hearts for Sale

Wright State grad Ron Rizzo, Director of the Adult Center for Cerebral Palsy, suggests a candy heart (made by the handicapped) as an ideal gift for Valentine's Day. Each heart is made with five pounds of mints. Price: \$4.95. To order, call Lee Kennard, 222-2113





Basketball Night Set for Feb. 18

Once each year, Wright State's Alumni Association sponsors an evening's activities built around an at-home basketball game. For this year, the activities have been scheduled for Saturday, February 18, when the WSU Raiders will take on Kentucky State.

If you have a valid Association I.D. card, it's worth one free ticket to the game. All you need to do is present the card at the ticket counter before game time (7:30).

Before the game, the Raiders Club will sponsor a buffet dinner in the University Center Faculty Dining Room. Admission price is \$4.50 for Association members, \$5.50 for others. A cash bar will be open from 5:00 till 6:00; the buffet dinner will start at six and last till 7:15. Reservations are necessary. So if you would like to attend the dinner call 873-2301.

After the game, the action will move back to the Faculty Dining Room, where refreshments will be served and a slide show of Association activities will be featured. Members of the Board will also be present for a question-and-answer session.

Alumni Night at the basketball game couldn't come at a better time. Due in part to bad weather, attendance at Raiders home games has slacked off. It's a fact that has made it's mark on the team according to Dave Stahl, WSU Sports Information Director. "Nothing motivates an athlete more than vocal support from the home crowd," points out Dave. "I hope the alumni turn out in droves on February 18."

Dinner Theatre Night is March 11

Now is the time to make early plans for an evening of dinner theatre on Saturday, March 11.

Sponsored by the Alumni Association, the evening is shaping up to look like this: At 6:00 dinner activities will begin in the University Center. After dinner, a representative of the Alumni Board will present desk plaques to winners of the 1977 Teaching Excellence Award. They are Dean S. Eiteman (Professor of Accountancy), Gerald Meike (Associate Professor of Mathematics), Robert G. Thobaben (Associate Professor of Political Science), and Gilbert R. Hutchcraft (formerly Assistant Professor of Education, now teaching in Florida). After dinner and presentations, it's off to the University Theatre for a performance of Arthur Miller's The Crucible.

Written in 1953, The Crucible treats the Salem witch trials of 1692 as a parable for America during the era of McCarthyism. The play probes into problems of individual conscience and guilt by association.

The early word around WSU is that the play promises to rank with the best of University Theatre productions. Ticket price for the entire evening is \$7 per person. So circle March 11 on your calendar. We'll have further information in the next issue of Alumnews.

Association Elects Officers

On January 21 members of the Alumni Association's Board of Directors met and elected officers for 1978. Karen Wolf was chosen to serve as president, and James Mack as vice-president. Karla Moran was elected secretary and John Curp was voted treasurer for the year.

The new officers, as well as other Board members, will be available to all alums at the third annual dinner dance, scheduled for February 10. They'll also be attending Alumni Association Night (Feb.18), when Wright State's Raiders take on Kentucky State.

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P.E. Facilities Open to Members

Each month in Alumnews we look at one of the several benefits members of the Alumni Association enjoy. This month, our focus is on the P.E. Building and its many recreational facilities, all of which are open to Association members during open recreation hours.

Space prevents us from listing the entire open rec schedule, but copies of that schedule are available in the P.E. Building, or by calling the Alumni Association (873-2620).

Here is a sampling of some of the more popular activities:

Swimming: Monday-Friday afternoon and evening hours, as well as afternoon hours on weekends.

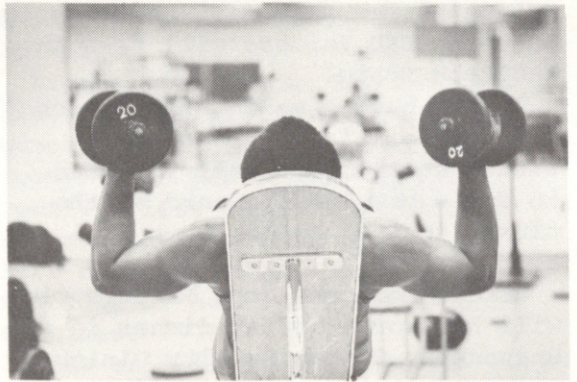
Weight Room: Monday-Friday, noon till three, evenings from 5 till 9, and on Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 1 till 4.

Handball/Racquetball: afternoon hours throughout the week, evening hours Monday-Friday, reservations necessary.

Other P.E. Building facilities that are open to you include tennis courts, archery range, basketball, gymnastics equipment, scuba, tumbling, volleyball, squash and jogging.

You can rent your own small locker for \$3 per quarter, and there's even a sauna in each locker room.

For further information or to receive a complete open recreation schedule, either stop by the P.E. Building or call the Alumni Office.



Music Plans Charter Flight

If you've ever wished that you could get aboard one of those low-cost charter trips to Europe, now may be the time. Wright State's Department of Music is planning a European tour, open to all alumni, that will leave Dayton on August 14 and return on August 25.

Round-trip plane fare is \$438. If you are interested in a guided tour, there are three options: a general tour hosted by William Fenton, WSU Music Chairman (873-2347); a fine arts tour hosted by Assistant Professor Martha Dunkelman (873-2896); and an English literature tour hosted by Professor Elizabeth Harden (873-2034). Fine arts and English literature tours are priced at \$799. Price for the general tour is \$899. For further information, call the appropriate host. But hurry. Space is limited and reservations are already being received.